In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, with the following:

--Figure 5 illustrates the amino acid comparison between PRC17 (SEQ ID NO:18) and TRE-2/USP6 (SEQ ID NO:17), a known oncogene. PRC17 shares 81% identity on the protein level and 88% identity on the DNA level to TRE-2/USP6.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 12, with the following:

--The particular expression vector used to transport the genetic information into the cell is not particularly critical. Any of the conventional vectors used for expression in eukaryotic or prokaryotic cells may be used. Standard bacterial expression vectors include plasmids such as pBR322 based plasmids, pSKF, pET23D, and fusion expression systems such as GST and LacZ. Epitope tags can also be added to recombinant proteins to provide convenient methods of isolation, *e.g.*, c-myc, HA-tag, 6-His (SEQ ID NO:13) tag, maltose binding protein, VSV-G tag, anti-DYKDDDDK (SEQ ID NO:14) tag, or any such tag, a large number of which are well known to those of skill in the art.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 58, line 16, with the following:

--Levels of PRC17 protein were also examined in metastatic prostate tumor samples. PRC 17 protein levels were determined. PRC17 protein levels in control 3T3 cells stably transfected with *PRC17* and in metastatic prostate tumor samples prostate tumor samples (WA5-3, WA5-4, WA20-45, and WA12-2) were measured by Western blot using an anti-PRC17 polyclonal antibody to detect endogenous PRC17. The rabbit polyclonal antibody was directed against a unique C-terminal peptide in PRC17 (NH2-PSTSDQGTPFRARDEQPC-OH (SEQ ID NO:16), Antibody Solution,